

CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

- **Janet Couchman** (Erica's Grandmother) - Recently underwent hip replacement surgery.
 - **Meghan Peters** (Merle's Granddaughter) - Dr's believe she has bladder cancer.
 - **Mable Perry** - Medical issues with tests coming soon.
 - **Robert Morris** - Placed in Hospice
 - **Dan Sizemore's Family**
 - **Macon Family**
 - **Wiggins Family**
 - Continue to remember Tina Copeland, Forrest, Pat Campbell, Margaret Hines, Geraldine Wilkins, June Poyner, Dot Debye, OP Boling and the sick and shut-ins in prayer.
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SERVICE ROSTER

Week of July 19, 2015

Sunday

Announcements	F. Youngblood
Singing	G. Kendrick
Table & Giving	R. Wilson
Assisting	W. Phillips
	S. Nagy
	M. Foley
	M. Sizemore
Sermon AM	L. Snow
Sermon PM	Singing
Closing Prayer	D. Johnson
Counting	W. Phillips

Wednesday

Invitation	J. Rains
Invitation Song	J. Macon
Prayer	F. Youngblood

RECORDS - July 12, 2015

Sunday AM	61
Sunday PM	29
Wednesday	53

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SCHEDULE:

Sun.	9:30AM - Bible Class 10:30AM - Worship 1:00PM - Worship
Wed.	7:00PM - Bible Class
Mon.-Thu.	9:AM-2PM - Office Hours

LIFE LINES

OF THE WARM SPRINGS ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 19, 2015

WHERE IS JOY?

- Luke 2:10-11 - Joy comes from the birth of Christ
- Luke 10:17 - Joy comes from "seeing" the power and workings of Christ
- Luke 24:52 - Joy comes from the resurrection of Christ
- Philippians 1:8 - Joy comes from preaching the Christ
- Acts 8:8 - Joy comes from hearing, understanding and following the commands of Christ
- Matthew 13:44 - Joy comes from finding the Kingdom of Christ
- Luke 15:7 - Joy comes from obeying the Gospel of Christ
- John 15:11 - Joy comes from being in the love of Christ
- Acts 20:24 - Joy comes from the unwavering work of a disciple of Christ
- Philippians 1:4 - Joy comes from others doing the same and confidence in those in Christ
- Philippians 2:1-2 - Joy comes from being part of the church of Christ
- 3 John 1:4 - Joy comes from those who we've taught in Christ
- 1 Peter 4:13 - Joy comes from the return of Christ

A VIBRANT JOY AND A VISIBLE HOPE

It is reported that Friedrich Nietzsche, the atheistic philosopher, once stated, "Jesus' disciples will need to look more saved if I am to believe in their Savior."

Whether or not Nietzsche said this, I believe that the statement is true. If we are going to convince the world of the value and validity of Christianity, then we are going to have to have a vibrant joy and a visible hope. To the saints at Rome, Paul wrote, "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer" (Romans 12:12).

If we will rejoice in hope, then those around us will ask us for a reason of the hope and joy that is within us. Peter wrote, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a

reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (1 Peter 3:15).

I am confident that one of the reasons the early church grew so rapidly and reached so many was because of the joy that radiated from them. Their gladness of heart was noted several times by the sacred historian Luke. They received the word and one another with gladness (Acts 2:41, 46–47). Even in the midst of persecution, they continued to rejoice (Acts 5:41). It is hard for the world not to take notice of this.

We certainly need to consider the possibility that we are not as effective today in convincing our coworkers and communities of the value and validity of Christianity because we do not have any joy or hope visible in us. Although we may never convince the atheists of the world, we may win others. It certainly doesn't hurt to try.

- Wade Webster (housetohouse.com)

PERSONAL NOTES

KIDS' CORNER

Rejoice



SERMON PREVIEW

10:30 AM - **BE FRUITFUL & MULTIPLY: JOY**

It is amazing what the Bible has to say about joy and all the places and circumstances in which we find Christians having joy!

1:00 PM - **SINGING**